

Purpose ~~This is a bill~~ The National Defense Education Bill is intended to provide scholarships and loans for well qualified but needy students. The need for a broader Federal scholarship program has been sharply brought into focus by the scientific advances made by the Soviets. The ~~proponents~~<sup>supporters</sup> of the bill have declared that if the United States is going to remain ahead of the Soviets in the present race for survival, it can't afford to lose its vast reservoir of manpower in the fields of engineering, science, and the humanities merely because these young Americans cannot pay for college education. They ~~emphasize~~<sup>emphasize</sup> that the National Defense Education Bill will give these young people the opportunity to develop their intellectual potential, not only for their own benefit but for the benefit of their country and the free world.

*The National Defense Education Act*

*Purpose - The basic purpose of the bill is to help schools and colleges meet certain emergency needs which are particularly important to national security and the national interest. The bill would help improve and broaden the teaching of science, mathematics and foreign languages. It would provide Federal scholarships based on student ability and financial need, and in addition would establish student loan funds to be financed by Federal funds and colleges.*